THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) Section 79(1) of "The Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966" (Act) provides for the administration, maintenance and operation by the Bhakra Management Board (now the Bhakra Beas Management Board, or BBMB) of, *inter alia,* the irrigation headworks of Rupur (Ropar), Harike and Ferozepur.

(b) to (d) Section 79(3) (a) of the Act *inter-alia* provides that the function of the Board shall include the regulation of the supply of water from Bhakra-Nangal Project to the State of Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan having regard to any arrangement made between in Governments of the (then) existing State of Punjab and the State of Rajasthan. The control of the head works is at present with the Government of Punjab and the State of Rajasthan. The control of the head works is at present with the Government of Punjab and it has been the continuing endeavour of the Central Government to resolve the issue of transfer of control of the head works from Government of Punjab to BBMB, amicably among the concerned States. However, no agreement was arrived at despite two Inter-State meetings, in which the issue was discussed. Later, Hon'ble High court of Rajasthan in a judgement dated 02.05.05 in a Civil Writ Petition directed BBMB to take over control of the above head works from Punjab within 30 days The State of Punjab filed a Special Level Petition against the judgement and Hon'ble Supreme Court stayed the operation of the order of the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan. The matter is now before the hon'ble Supreme Court and is dependant on its order.

Requirement of Water

1627. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey to know the water requirement for the next ten years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Integrated Water

Resources Development Plan in its report has projected the estimates of total annual water requirements for various scenarios. The estimated water requirements for the year 2010 for high population projection is 710 billion cubic metre (BCM) and the estimated water requirements for the year 2025 for high population projection is 843 B.C.M.

(c) Does not arise.

Creation of Brahmaputra River Valley Authority

1628. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has agreed with the suggestions of Prime Minister for creation of an Autonomous Brahmaputra River Valley Authority on the lines of Tennessee Valley Authority;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) what steps are being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister in his address during' visit to Assam stated that the Government will consider establishing the Brahmaputra Valley Authority or the North East Water Resources Authority. Accordingly Ministry of Water Resources formulated a proposal for constitution of North East Water Resources Authority for establishment of an autonomous self contained entity. World Bank was not involved regarding this proposal. However, in the study on "Natural Resources, Water and Environment Nexus for Development and Growth in North East India" by Ministry of DONER in association with the World Bank, the findings of the study support the plans outlined by India's prime minister to develop a new river basin management institution that would work across the entire Northeast and to which decision making powers would be developed, with active participation by the states.